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REMARKS

Applicants request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the foregoing claim amendments and the following remarks. Applicants have cancelled claims 76-102. These claim cancellations are made to expedite allowance of claims herein and are without prejudice to applicants' right to pursue the subject matter of the cancelled claims in one or more applications claiming priority here from under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Applicants have also added claims 103 to 107. Claims 103 to 107 are pending in this application.

Applicants express their appreciation to Examiners Sitton and Fredman for the courtesy extended to their representatives during an interview on March 23, 2004. Applicants make that interview of record herein.

During the interview, the outstanding claim rejections in the application were generally discussed, and proposed claims were reviewed by the Examiners. As a result of the interview, applicants' representatives believe that the claims presented herein as claims 103-107 would not be subject to the rejections of record. As stated in the Interview Summary Record, the discussed claims "if submitted after final would be entered and allowable" and claims including "sequences fully complementary" would also be allowable.

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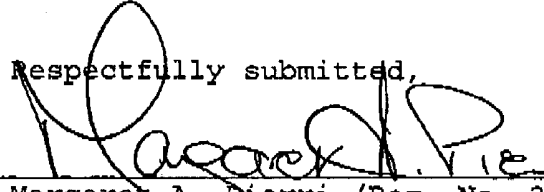
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Support for added claims 103-107 can be found in the specification, for example, on page 32, lines 1-30 and in Figure 9. None of the claim additions constitutes new matter.

Applicants submit concurrently herewith a Terminal Disclaimer, rendering moot the obviousness-type double patenting rejection over claims 1-10 of United States Patent No. 5,503,976.

Applicants request that the Examiner enter the foregoing amendments and consider the foregoing remarks and pass this application to issue.

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